

Topical Heading

Higher and Continuing Education

Program Title

Educational Opportunity Centers

Also Known as

EOC, TRIO (This is one of eight TRIO programs.)

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.066

Administering Office

Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

Who May Apply (by category)

Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), Local Education Agencies (LEAs), Nonprofit Organizations, Other Organizations and/or Agencies, State Education Agencies (SEAs)

Who May Apply (specifically)

IHEs; public and private organizations and agencies; combinations of such institutions; and, in exceptional circumstances, secondary schools may apply.

Current Competitions

FY 2006 application deadline: Feb. 15, 2006. Grants are made on a four-year cycle. Next competition expected: FY 2010 with application deadline in summer or fall 2009.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2004 \$48,972,000

Fiscal Year 2005 \$48,972,000

Fiscal Year 2006 \$49,598,000

Note: The amount shown for fiscal year 2006 under Appropriations above is a portion of the FY 2006 appropriation for federal TRIO programs.

Fiscal Year 2006 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 139

Average New Award: \$220,000 for first-time grant recipients

Range of New Awards: \$220,000–\$2,200,00

Number of Continuation Awards: 0

Note: Only an estimated 27 awards will begin new grant cycles in FY 2006; the remaining awards would begin their new grant cycles after their current grants expire.

Legislative Citation

Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, Title IV, Part A, Subpart 2, Chapter 1, Sec. 402F; 20 U.S.C. 1070a-16.

Program Regulations

EDGAR; 34 *CFR* 644

Program Description

The Educational Opportunity Centers program provides counseling and information on college admissions to qualified adults who want to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education. An important objective of the program is to counsel participants on financial aid options and to assist in the application process. The goal of the EOC program is to increase the number of adult participants who enroll in postsecondary education institutions.

Types of Projects

Projects include: academic advice, personal counseling, and career workshops; information on post-secondary education opportunities and student financial assistance; help in completing applications for college admissions, testing, and financial aid; coordination with nearby postsecondary institutions; media activities designed to involve and acquaint the community with higher education opportunities; tutoring; and mentoring.

Education Level (by category)

Postsecondary

Subject Index

Adult Education, Career Development, Counseling, Disadvantaged, Information Dissemination, Postsecondary Education

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